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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT: INTERNATIONAL
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

1. ROBINSON'S MEETINGS ON MARCH 10 WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
AND ON MARCH 11 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES EVOKED
POSITIVE EXPRESSIONS OF GERMAN AND FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND QUALIFIED WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE
ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. BOTH RECOGNIZED THE
POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING POSITIVE DIRECTIONS OF
EGYPTIAN POLICY IN REGARD TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS AND
THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN EGYPT
CONDUCTIVE TO A STEADY EGYPTIAN POLITICAL COURSE. THEY
ASKED THAT WE COORDINATE CLOSELY IN DEFINING A LINE OF
OF POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO SADAT TO UNDERTAKE ECONOMIC
POLICY MEASURES THAT WILL MOVE EGYPT TOWARD SOUND ECONOMIC
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GROWTH AND REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON EMERGENCY-TYPE BALANCE OF

PAYMENTS SUPPORT BY ITS FRIENDS. THEY ARE WATCHING EVOLUTION OF EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH IMF FOR CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT THEIR ADDITIONAL AID WOULD BE WELL SPENT. AFTER CONFERRING WITH IMF AND CLEARING WITH YOU, ROBINSON WILL SEND TO SCHMIDT AND SAUVAGNARGUES, AT THEIR REQUESTS, AN OUTLINE OF COORDINATED STATEMENTS WE SUGGEST THAT THEY MADE TO THEIR FORTHCOMING EGYPTIAN VISITORS SO AS TO

ENCOURAGE CONTINUED MOVEMENT ON ECONOMIC POLICY FRONT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER TO PRESIDENT SADAT THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME: "WE HAVE TAKEN IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SUPPORT YOUR INITIATIVES IN MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY, AND THE INITIAL RESPONSE IN EUROPE HAS BEEN GUARDEDLY ENCOURAGING. I ARRANGED FOR CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TO RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON IN BONN AND PARIS ON MARCH 10 AND 11, RESPECTIVELY. THEY EXPRESSED FULL RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF BROAD PARTICIPATION IN TANGIBLE MEASURES OF SUPPORT TO YOUR EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. THEY WERE ENCOURAGED BY ROBINSON'S REPORTS OF RECENT INTERNAL ECONOMIC STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO MOVE EGYPT TOWARD GREATER ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TOWARD WINNING THE ASSISTANCE AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE WORLD BANK.

"WHILE NEITHER GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO INDICATE THE SCALE OF ITS ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, I BELIEVE THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO FURTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS BY YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

"WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES TO IRAN, JAPAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, AS SOON AS WE ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE INITIAL APPROACHES TO THEM.

"AMBASSADOR EILTS IS READY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH
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YOUR MINISTERS IN THIS COORDINATED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT." KISSINGER

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